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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP ART UNIT 1635

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For : **INSERTABLE OR IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICES  
SUITABLE FOR GENE THERAPY REGIMES**  
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SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application is an Amendment in response to the Final Office Action dated June 4, 2003.

Applicant respectfully requests a one month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action dated June 4, 2003, for which a response period expiring on September 4, 2003 was set. The extended period expires on October 6, 2003 (October 4 being a Saturday).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) extension fee of \$110.00 to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon, Deposit Account No. 11-0600. A copy of this sheet is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully Submitted,

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